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REMARKS

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The courtesies shown applicants attorney during the aforementioned interview are gratefully acknowledged. Prior to the interview a proposed amendment was faxed to the Examiner for his consideration. The foregoing amendment contains all of the proposal faxed to the Examiner but also adds new claims 7 through 9.

It was pointed out to the Examiner that the Alber reference selectively locks or releases the carrier and thus requires a rather complicated construction. On the other hand, by selectively locking the ring gear a relatively simple, low cost actuating and locking mechanism is possible. This is very important in the wheel chair art.

The Examiner had assembled some references that show the selective locking of a ring gear in a planetary transmission, but it is submitted that the art reviewed does not lend itself to the specific application to the type of apparatus claimed. Favorable action is therefore requested. Also the Examiner is requested to make of record the art shown at the interview so that the record is complete

Respectfully submitted,

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